

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**6TH – 11TH DECEMBER 2010**  
**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

**MONDAY 6th DECEMBER - FERIA**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Nations, hear the message of the Lord, and make it known to the ends of the earth: Our Saviour is coming. Have no more fear.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM**

Look, our God is coming to save us.

**ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Come to us, Lord, and bring us peace. We will rejoice in your presence and serve you with all our heart.

**OR ST NICHOLAS**

*Nicholas was bishop of Myra in Lycia (now Turkey) where he died about the middle of the 4th century. Although practically nothing is known about his life, he has been honoured as a saint throughout the Church since the 10th century.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will raise up one shepherd who will pasture them. I, the Lord, will be their God.

**RESPONSE TO THE PSALM AND ACCLAMATION AS FERIA**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have not chosen me; I have chosen you. Go and bear fruit that will last.

## **TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER - St AMBROSE**

*Born of a Roman family in Trier about 340, Ambrose studied law in Rome and entered public service in Milan where he became interested in Christianity. While still a catechumen, he was chosen to be bishop and hesitantly agreed to be baptised and ordained. As bishop he was outstanding for his devotion to his people and for his wisdom; he was at the forefront of the fight against the Arian heresy. It was Ambrose who finally brought about the conversion of St Augustine. He died in 397.*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will raise up one shepherd who will pasture them. I, the Lord, will be their God.

### **RESPONSE TO THE PSALM**

Here is our God coming with power.

### **ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Lord! Do not delay.

Forgive the sins of your people.

Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

You have not chosen me; I have chosen you. Go and bear fruit that will last.

## **WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*Although the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady was only given in 1854, it has long been part of Christian tradition. Today's Feast celebrates the fact that the Virgin was preserved from original sin and so was prepared to be a worthy Mother for God's son. The Feast also reminds us that the Immaculate Virgin prefigures the Church, Christ's bride, that is without spot or stain.*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God; for he has clothed me in the garment of salvation and robed me in the cloak of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All honour to you, Mary! From you arose the sun of justice, Christ  
our God.

## **THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER - FERIA**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord, you are near, and all your commandments are just; long have  
I known that you decreed them for ever.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to us, Lord, with your peace

that we may rejoice in your presence with sincerity of heart.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let our lives be honest and holy in this present age, as we wait for  
the happiness to come when our great God reveals himself in glory.

## **FRIDAY 10th DECEMBER - FERIA**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is coming from heaven in splendour to visit his people,  
and bring them peace and eternal life.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

Anyone who follows you, Lord,  
will have the light of life.

## ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

See, the king, the Lord of the world, will come.

He will free us from the yoke of our bondage.

Alleluia!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We are waiting for our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; he will transfigure our lowly bodies into copies of his own glorious body.

## **SATURDAY 11th DECEMBER - FERIA**

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne; let us see your face, and we shall be saved.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

God of hosts, bring us back;

let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

### ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The day of the Lord is near;

Look, he comes to save us.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am coming quickly, says the Lord, and will repay each man according to his deeds.

## **OR ST DAMASUS I**

*Born in 305, Damasus was pope from 366 to 384, at a time when heresies were rife, especially Arianism, against which he fought vigorously.*

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord chose him to be his high priest; he opened his treasures and made him rich in all goodness.

### RESPONSE TO THE PSALM AND ACCLAMATION AS FERIA

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The good shepherd gives his life for his sheep.